in St. Louis, One Cent. Cutside St. Louis, Two Cents. On Trains, Tiree Cents.

SUNDAY'S REPUBLIC.

NINETY SECOND YEAR.

ST. LOUIS, MO., FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 1900.

KANSAS CITY MET ALL REQUIREMENTS.

Holding the National Convention.

SUBCOMMITTEE

Report to Chairman Jones States Labor Leaders Expect a Complete the Convention Hall Company Has Made Contracts That Guarantee No Delay.

Kansas City, Mo., April 12 - There will be no change in date or place of holding the Democratic National Convention, proviously set for Kansas Cty, July 4. The sub-Committee met the local committees on log ever the situation thereughly, drafted raphers called on the telegraphers to quit arrangement here to-day and after goand signed the following statement:

Letter to Chairman Jones. "Honorable James K. Jones, Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, mittee appointed by you to arrange all detalls incident to the holding of the National Convention on July 4 met in Kansas City to-day in special session. This meeting was called on account of the destruction of Convention Hall, the purpose being to determine whether this calamity would peresitate any change in the time or place for holding the convention. The committee conferred fully with the directors of the Convention Hall Company and with the Executive Committee of citizens having the arrangements for the convention in

"We find that the people of Kansas City ore determined to rebuild the hall and have it ready for the convention by July 4, and that the committee in charge of this matter has now to hand, in cash, available for rebuilding purposes, a larger sum of money than was expended in the erection of the building which has just been destroyed.

"The directors of the hall company have entered into contract with responsible firms and corporations for the reconstruction of the building, the contracts requiring the work to be completed prior to the date of the convention. In each instance the con-tractors have entered into heavy bond, with penalties, for the literal fulfillment of their several engagements. We examined these contracts and, after a full conference with the directors and architect of the building, we are satisfied that the hall will be revention in accordan , with the original contract of Kansas Cry, and that no necossity will arise for any change, either in the time or place of holding the conven-

"We do not consider that there is any necessity at this time to trouble the full committee with the further consideration of this subject. "We make this report so that this mat-

ter may be set at rest. 'WILLIAM J. STONE. "Chairman;

"J. G. JOHNSON,

" ecretary, "ADAIR WILSON. "JOHN S. RILLING "(For J. M. Guffe

Her J. K. Jones, chairman of the Natomal committee, and D. J. Campau of Michigan, H. D. Clayton of Alabama and J. M. Guffey of Pennsylvania, members o the subcommittee, were unable to attend the meeting. John S. Rilling, chairman of the State Democratic Committee of Pennsylvania, represented Mr. Guffey. The members finished their work and adjourned

Colonel John L. Martin Remains. Colonel John I. Martin of St. Louis, ser-grant at-arms of the convention, was also present, and will remain in the city for a few days completing seating arrange ments and attending to other matters per-

taining to the convention. Colonel Martin has selected headquarters at the Baltimore Hotel, where he will be situated permanently from June 15 till after the convention has finished its work.

COMMITTEE ROOM SECURED.

All in Readiness to Consider World's Fair Bill.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Washington, April 12.—Chairman Tawney of the Special World's Fair Committee has secured the large committee-room of the House Committee on Insular Affairs, Tomorrow the committee will organize there and outline their work. Mr. Tawney de stres to proceed at once with active cosideration of the World's Pair bill, There will be no delay in arranging for hearings of all parties interested. The consideration of the bill has been delayed by serious illness in Mr. Tawney's family, which required him to be absent from Washington He desires that rapid progress shall be made from this time on

The friends of the bill in the Senate have made an informal canvass of that body. The bill can be passed there without great delay. The action of the House is awaited with some impatience, but there is a prospect that it will be ready for report by the Special Committee in the near future. Many of the members of the committee have studied its provisions in advance of the ermal organization of the committee, and will somewhat facilitate action upon

BRICK BUILDING COLLAPSED.

Three Persons Killed and Many Injured at Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 12.-The four-story brick building at the corner of Second avenue and Wood street collapsed to-day, burying in its ruins a number of persons, three whom were taken out dead, six were badly burt and several others slightly insured. The dead area

Mrs. Martha Jones, aged 64 years, of No. Becond avenue.
Eurane Bernhardt, aged 29 years, of No. 200 Manhattan street, Allegheny, salesman for Armstrong & McKelvy Company. Oscar Bigler, carpenter, home supposed to

be near Harrisburg, was employed by Contors McGovern and Lyttle. Moel Caspar of Elisworth, salesman for

Armstrong & McKelvy Company, leg broken, badly bruised Joseph Bloss, lieutenant Fire Company

Mo. 1 ribs broken.

Michael Shang, steamfitter, leg broken
and arm crushed. es Sullivan, stoamfitter, badly cut and

James V. Sims, carpenter, badly cut and

James V. Sima, carpenter, badly cut and bruised.

The building was occupied by the Armstrong-McKelvy Lead and Gil Company. It was being remodeled by Contractors Me-Govern and Lyttla. The firm this morning began the transfer of their stock from one room to another and apparently centralized the heavy weight of the lead and oils about the middle of the structure. This is the only solution advanced for the collainse, which began by the second floor breaking through, carrying with it the two floors above, making a breach from top to bottom through the center of the building.

The fact that the rear portion of the building on Second avenue did not callapse paved many lives. The loss to the firm will be about \$40,000.

TRAINS FEELING THEIR WAY NOW.

No Change in Arrangements for Southern Railway Telegraphers Strike Extends Throughout the System.

SATISFIED. MEN CALLED OUT YESTERDAY.

Tie-Up When the Order Reaches All the Operators First Act of Violence.

Atlanta, Ca., April 12-The threatening trouble of the telegraphers and other station employes of the Southern Hallway and Alabama Great Southern Bailway, which committee of the National Democratic has been pending for several months, came Powell of the Order of Rallway Telegwork.

Advices to-night from Chattanoogs Tonn, are that the strike is complete of the Alabama, Great Southern and Mem-Washington, D. C.: Sir-The special com- Phis divisions. Few men have remained on the Georgia division and Knexville main line. No freight moved out of Chattanooga this afternoon. Difficulty in operating trains is reported from Hirmingham. The men on the Mobile division are out.

The trouble began last full, when the telegraphers of each division appointed a committee to go before the division superintendents and ask a sculement of certain gravances. Heatings, they may, were refused them and an appeal was made to General Superintendent Barrett at Wash ington, and inter to Vice President and General Manager Gannan. The officers of the order state that no satisfaction was recelved from these officers, and the griev eer, whose secretary said the president was too ill to consider the matter at this time

President Powell says the committeemen cleated to represent the men have been dismissed to the number of more than twenty, and that dozens of members of the Order of Rallway Telegraphers have been discharged because of their member-ship. He says the last communication to officials of the rempany contained an to arbitrate the differences. In the Atlanta office of the Southern seven of the nine toleraphers employed there have quit work. Reports received at

trike headquarters are said to be very sat-Hallroad officials, however, say the strike has caused them no in onvenience and has not interfered with their traffic. A. B. Stillwell, assistant to President Powell of the C. R. T., says he expects an effective tie-up as soon as the order reaches all the men. The Southern's wires have een grounded between here and Birming-

What the Men Want.

In a statement which President Powell "Six hundred and eighty-five telegraphers

"The strike was inaugurated for the following purposes: "To secure rejustatement of its members who were discharged by the Southern

"For the right to be heard through committees in the adjustment of individual grievances. "For a set of rules and rates of pay to

govern train dispatchers, telegraphers, agents and other station employes in their employment dischilles, etc.

"Twelve consecutive hours' work per day where one or two telegraphers are employed, including one consecutive hour for dinner; ten consecutive hours, including meal hour, in all relay, dispatchers' offices and offices where more than two telegraphers are employed. ht consecutive hours for train dis-

"To abolish the practice of compelling agents to lead cotton and the performance mal labor "A minimum wage scale of \$45 and \$50 month for operators and \$120 for dis-"Fair and equitable rules recarding pro-

Says Nearly All Are Out.

President Powell pave out the following statement late to-night:

"Reports from every division of the South ern Ranway show that the entire system. with the exception of the Louisville branch s tied up completely so far as freight trains from three to seven hours late and are "I am in a position to state positively

that more than in per cent of the telegraphers quit work." STRUKE ON THE CHATTANOOGA. Chattanooga, Tenn., April 12.-The strike of telegraph operators on the Alabama, Great Southern and Memphis divisions of the Southern Railway is complete to-night. No response could be obtained to calls for ony station along the line, and the officers of the Order of Rallway Telegraphers stars

tions, are out. The seven Chattanooga oper ators went out. Officials of the Southern here to-night state that they will be able to supply the places of the strikers in a few days. Meantime passenger trains will run on schedule time, with here and there an operator from among the officials. Freight traffic is already beginning to congest here, as no trains have been sent out this afternoon. On the Georgia division and on the main Knoxville line of the road very few oper

Q. & C. Men May Strike.

Information was given out to-night by railroad officials and partially confirmed by representatives of the Order of Telegraphers that the operators on the Cincinnati South on strike to-morrow morning. The Oues and Crescent occupies the same relative position to the Southern Railway as doe the Alabama Great Southern, Samuel Spencer being its president

TRAINS DELAYED IN ALABAMA. Birmingham, Aia., April 12.-Although the local officials of the Alabama Great South. ern and Southern rallways claim little inconvenience has been caused by the telegraphers' strike, the Alabama Great Southern between this point and Chattaneoga has been badly tied up since the order was issued at 11 o'clock this morning.

and many freights are reported laid out along the line. officials claim that they will have everything in working order in a few hours, special with about a dozen operator having left here this afternoon, There has been little trouble on the line between here and Meridian, Miss. Only two

men have quit work. Wires between Rivmingliam and Greenville, Miss., are open, and trains are being run on card schedule Several men are out on the Annisten dividon, but the strike is not general there The men on the Mobile division, about fifteen in number, are out. The passenger out orders. MERIDIAN MEN QUIT.

Meridian, Miss., April 12.—The telegraph operators of the Southern Rallway and Alabama Great Southern Railway and Ala-to-day. They are backed by all other rail-to-day.



HANNA: "YOU'VE JUST COT TO BE THE TAIL TO THIS KITE."

road telegraphers in the city, who refuse to handle Southern and Alabama Great Southern business, and all trains are tied

MOB GATHERED AT SELMA, N. C. Charlotte, N. C., April 12.—At Seima. Southern Rallway wire was cut or ground ed to-day. A mob gathered at the South ern's depot there and attempted to tak cked, and it is charged that this was one by the sympathizers of the strikers. The Southern is carrying one operator or each engine of every moving train,

OUR PHILIPPINES ARMY.

It Now Consists of 63,585 Officers and Men.

Cortin has prepared a statement showing the strength of the troops in the Philippines on the 1st of April, the date of the last returns. According to this statement "Six hundred and eighty are and eighty are and ether station employes voted in favor there were on the date stated \$3.555 officers of to 131 against." since March 1, the date of the last previous report. This increase is due to the arrival f recruits, mainly members of the hospits corps and other staff departments. total general officers and staff is 2739 whom 2,610 are regulars and 120 volunteers In this total are included 2521 culisted met all regulars, and mostly in the medical de-

There are 15 general stuff officers, of whom all but one (Young) are classed a volunteers.

The total cavalry force is 2507, of which number 2.411 are regulars and 1.6% volun-teers. There are three regiments of cavalry of which one is made up of volunteers. of the regular establishment, and number There are forty-one regiments of infan-

ry, augregating \$5,129 officers and men, which number 21.155 are regulars and 30.987 Including all classes, there are 31.382 reg 20,414 enlisted men, and 32,294 volunteers,

enlisted men.

OUT OF COMMISSION.

Crews to Be Removed from Monitors at Manila.

Washington, April 12.-The Navy Depart. ment has practically decided to put out of commission in the harbor in Manila the monliers Monterey and Monadnock, releasing the crews for service on other vessels where they are baly needed. An alternave proposition is to send one of the montors north, to Nagasaki perhaps, which will serve as a base of operations while the monitor does duty as a training ship for

anrichips to which officers and crows are subjected by keeping them aboard the mor iters during the hot season in the Philip-plnes. The two vessels could be recommissioned at short notice in Manila harbor. and, if an emergency should arise, they would be equal to a whole fleet in defennels at the entrance to the harbor.

DAMAGE TO FRUIT.

Texas and Kansas Report Losses from the Frost.

The general cold wave which has trav-

eled over the West and Southwest has chiefly damaged the fruit crop. Special dis. patches to The Republic from Texas say that the frost around Texarkana injured the corn and killed the early fruit. Corn in the river belt will have to be replanted. Around Fort Worth the damage was comparatively light and confined to lower and damper regions. The gardeners and fruit growers suffered most. In the Denison sec-tion the corn was injured, but the fruit and vegetables were not seriously affected. The wheat practically escaped injury. Kansas horticulturists say the fruit crop suffered in that State. Ice formed in all parts of the State. Snow was reported in Iowa and Illinois, At Sycamore it was eight inches deep. Although in places the ther-mometer was below zero it is believed that The passenger train due here at 11:45 no material damage to crops resulted. Mis-a. m. did not reach the city until evening. souri reports indicate a similar escape, and souri reports indicate a similar escape, and in some sections the outlook for fruit crops is promising. Other products were not damaged.

CALLED BUTLER A TRAITOR Alabama Populists Are for Barker

and Donnelly.

Birmingham, Ala., April 12.-A conference of the leading Populists of the State was held to-day, at which it was decided to send a delegation to the National Convention from this State to vote for Wharton Barker and Ignatius Donnelly for first and second places on the national ticket. But-

PEOPLE WEARY

a telegrapher who is not a striket, from an engine. The telegrapher drew a pistol and drove them off. Then the station was and Advice to Taft and and Advice to Taft and Colleagues.

WILL BE WATCHED CLOSELY. I. Kansas City Met All Requirements.

Washington, April 12.-Adjutant General | Speaker Gave Them His View of What the Nation Expects and Incidentally Advised the Supreme Court.

> San Francisco April 12 - A banquet Wit tendered to the Philippine Commission be-night by the merchants of this city. The principal address was made by Whitelaw

After referring to the nonpolitical sig niffcance of the occasion. Mr. Reid said: "What do the American people in gen eal and without distinction of party, loo to you for? If the truth must be whispered a your ear, there are here and there very incere, capable people who are growing a at weary of a multiplicity of commissions they say-so cynical are they that in all ges and countries the castest method o evading or postponing a difficult problem has been to appoint a commission on it end thus prolong the circumfocution.

Tusk, as Reid Sees It. "For a first thing, then, in which we are united we wish you to redeem the character of his mode of government to commission. For we assume that you are sent out to the archipelage to govern; and ust at present we don't know of any part f our possessions that seems more in nece if government We all unite in adjuring to remember that you are setting sail ot only charged with the national inter is, but dignified and ennobled by a guardunship of the national honor.

"We all unite, I venture to think, in ear estly wishing that you may make st of a situation which none of us wholl likes and many dislike with all the hearts the best of it for the country with by good management or bad, rightfully o wrongfully, is at any fate certainly, and in the eyes of the whole world, now respon sible for the outcome; and the best of it to ess, for the distracted people thrown upon "We cannot well help indulging in the for

ture hope that your first success will be the re-establishment of order throughout regions lately filled with violence and blood shed; and that you can then bring about a ystem of just and swift punishment of the uture crimes and disorders. "In the interest of the islanders you will soon seek to raise the revenue they need a the way least burdensome and most ben-

country we cannot expect you to begin by ssuming that the only way to help the Islanders is to throw products of their cheap labor into unrestricted competition with similar products of our highly paid "In the interest of the Islanders you will

secure and guarantee to them the civil rights which belong to the very genius of American institutions; but in the interest of your country you will not make haste to extend the privilege of American citizen ship, which on the one hand would emain those peoples of the China Sen-Chinese of half-breed, or what not-to flood our tabor market in advance of any readiness at home to change our present laws of excl sion, and on the other hand would open th foor to them as States in the Union to take part in the government of this continent, Hint to Supreme Court.

"If in the previdence of 'lod, and in con-tempt of past judicial rullings, the Suprem-Court should finally command it, you, like every other branch of the Government, will bey. Till then we may be sure you wil not, in sheer eagerness and joyfutness of neart, anticipate, or, as Will street specula ors say, 'discount' such a decree for nudonal degradation. "But in their own land, and as far as

may be, in accordance with their old cusoms and laws, you will secure to them, if you are to win the success we all wish you, every civil right we enjoy, and, next the fullest measure of political rights and local self-government they are found expable of sustaining, with ordered liberty for "There, then, is the doom we expect you to inflict on these temporarily turbulent wards

inflict on these temporarily toronient wards of the nation: First, order; then justice; then American civil rights, not for a class or a tribe or a race, but for all the people; then local self-government. And may God help you to fulfill this task. "Above all, if there is a trace of politics in your work, or of seeking for political effect at home, you will fall, and deserve to fall." effect at home, you will fail, and deserve to fail."

Professor Moses and Judge Taft of the

LEADING TOPICS __IN__ OF COMMISSIONS. TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

Missonri-Fair and warmer Friday and Saturday; west to northwest winds, becoming variable. Illinois-Pair and warmer Friday and Saturday; southwesterly winds. Arkansas-Fair and warmer Friday; Saturday fair: variable winds.

Preparing for Great Battles. Southern Railway Telegraphers Strike. 2. Two Stories in Which Children Figure.

2. Democrats Score Cabinet Scandals, Ship Subsidy Bill Next in Order. Canr Makes New Demands of Korea. Had Trouble in Cletting Married. Romance of a Wandering Monk.

4. Caledonians Honor Dugald Crawford, "Red Crusade" Is Started Here. Masons Observe Maundy Thursday. Puerto Rica Under President's Thumb. Barnes Medical Exercises.

Besch and the Sprinkling Combine,

Architectural Club's Exhibition. President Whitelaw's Reply.

Sporting News. Results at the Race Tracks. 7. Carter May Reat Hancey in Chicago. Tenth Ward Fight Reaches Court.

Beers Get Ready for Roberts. McLean's Tip to Ohio Democracy, Society Notes. Company to Build Airships. Enlisted Men Discharged.

9. The Railways. B. & O. and the Reading. Made Counterfeit Money. First Civil Governor of Puerto Blea. Pago Pago's Advantages.

Transfers of Realty, Married by Telegraph. Cabs for Drunkards

12. Grain and Produca. Cattle Sales. 13. Financial News.

14. Brother and Sister Meet After Fifty One Minneapolis Girl to Be His Bride.

NO SUPERIMPOSED TURRETS. Naval Board Adopts a Still More

Promising Plan.

His Bride Almost Twice His Size.

Iron Market Expectant.

Washington, April 12 -The new battleships will not have superimposed turrets, according to the decision reached at to-day's meeting of the Naval Boad on Coneficial to them; but in the interest of your struction. The board, after carefully examining an alternative plan proposed by the Chief of Ordnance, accepted this in lieu of the double-turreted arrangements which at first had found favor. By the new plan, at first had come in the ships will be given eight eight-inch guns, arranged in four turrets, one at each corner of the square superstructure. Two main turrets on the main deck will carry each two tweive-inch guns. The result of this arrangement will be to give the ships this arrangement will be to give the ships four more eight-inch guns than would be carried in the two double turrets. This change will cause 250 tons additional weight, but to compensate for this instead of cut-ting off that much coal supply, the ships will be lengthened to 450 feet, making them closely approach 15500 tons displacement.

BAD GENERALSHIP.

German Paper Says It Has Disheartened British Troops,

Berlin, April 12.- The military critic of the Berliner Tageblatt explains that the inactivity of Lord Roberts is not due to the preparations he is making for the winter, but to the inability of his troops to take the field in numbers sufficient to take the offensive against Kroonstad. The view prevails in military circles here that the recent British defeats are due to the discouragement of the troops resulting

their consciousness of "bad general-

SIEGES SPOILED PLANS.

Boers Intended to Overrun All Cape Colony. London, April 13.-Hilyard Steyn, brother

of President Steyn, in the course of an interview at Bloemfontein, has said: "The original war plan of the Boers was to overrun all Cape Colony, but on becom-ing involved in the sieges at Kimberley and Ladysmith, the burghers found the design last until Christmas."

PREPARING FOR GREAT BATTLES.

Desperate Fighting Imminent in South Africa.

CLASHES IN NATAL.

Boers Try to Cut Off the Sunday's River Camp.

NEWS FROM WEPENER

Garrison There Is Still Standing Off Attacks.

BY MILTON V. SNYDER SPECIAL BY CABLE.

London, Friday, April 13 - (Copyright, 1900, by the New York Herald Company Lord Roberts's preparations for an advancare apparently proceeding space. The country around Bloemfontein is fairly white with British tents, and the enormous force under his command is growing in strength and receiving the much needed supply of horses and mules.

On their side, and evidently in expectation of an attack, the Boers at Brandfort are intrenching themselves parallel to and east of the railway. They still hold the Bloemfontein waterworks in great force and are also strong at Waterval Drift, loubtless with the object of keeping up the communications with General Olivier's commandees to the south.

The colonial force, which is beset by the Boers at Wepener, is still holding out well. They are carefully husbanding their ammunition, according to one story, while the Boers are said to be short. The arrival of Lord Kitchener at Aliwal North may foresholow a swift rush by the bulk of General Brabant's division to rescue their comrades, in co-operation with a flying solumn sent from Bloomfontein to take the Roor bestegers in the rear.

Much admiration is expressed here at the recent daring operations of the Boers, In-Natal the burghers, apparently fired with a desire to emulate the successes gained "About 2000 foreigners constitute the new by their brethren in the Free State, have foreign in Fredoric, including some by their brethren in the Free State, have attempted to cut off the Sunday's River | Cossucks camp from Ladysmith, and to press forward toward Dewarop, from Van Reenen's Pass, and toward the south by way of

Helpmakaar. A portion of General Buller's army has been detached to swell the forces of the Commander-in-Chief. Knowledge of this may have helped to increase the activity of General Bothu.

SEVERAL BATTLES ON. Pretoria, Wednesday, April 11.-Advices

from Wepener, where a British force is surrounded, say the battle continues favorable to the federals. About 1,500 British troops are said to be there. A heavy cannonade was heard this morning in the direction of Bultfontein, situated

midway between Winburg and Boshot in the Orange Free State, and north of Brandfort. Advices from the Boer headquarters in Natal say that after a heavy bombardment

the British are retiring in the direction of Ladysmith, and the federals are going to their old positions. The Free State Gazette publishes orders to the effect that no person who has been

commandeered for active service has the right to send a substitute without the consent of the Landdrost. In reference to leaves of absence, the Gazette says that 16 per cent of each command will be relieved by ballot for periods

of twelve days. This is intended to meet the wishes of the burghers desiring to plant BOERS LOSSES CONSIDERABLE. Aliwal North, April 12.-News from a Boer source at Wepener, officially communicated, says that four Boer guns have

been disabled and four commandants killed or wounded On Tuesday night the British made a sortie, capturing a Boer gun and taking some prisoners.

FIGHTING AT WEPENER. Allwal North, April 12. The colonial troops are still holding their own splendid-

ly at Wepener. Cannonading recommenced this morning. The Boer attack yesterday was not very serious. The British are carefully husbanding their ammunition and their guns are making excellent practice. The foers

A patrol returning from Smithfleid sports that small groups of Boers are visible. CAUSE OF BOER ACTIVITY.

are short of ammunition.

Bloemfontein, Wednesday, April II -- Acording to information received here the Boer activity eastward of the railroad and in proximity to the border is largely due to the fact that Presidents Kruger and Steyn have found they are unable to keep their forces together in inactivity, the burghers declaring they are unwilling to remain with their commands unless actively employed, as they are convinced the British game is a waiting one. It is believed the lerred to-day, Hoer movement was originally designed to obline Lord Roberts to weaken his force at ASKED ITALIAN INTERVENTION. Bloemfontein in order to protect the railread, when the Boers would have attempted to recapture the capital. But the burghers are evidently ignorant of the enormous forces Lord Roberts has at his disposal.

Advices from Karee Siding say the Boers are busily intrenching their position east of Brandfort, running parallel with the railread, while still strongly holding the Waterval Drift waterworks.

TOOK ONE THOUSAND PRISONERS. BY THOMAS F. MILLARD,

SPECIAL BY CABLE. Pretoria, Wednesday, April 11.-(Copyright, 1900, by the New York Herald Company.)-Sharp but indecisive fighting continues near DeWet's Dorp.

There has been some confusion in reporting the recent operations, owing to two Boer Generals reporting the same engagespoiled. To this I attribute the Boer failure to conquer the British. I expect the war to

GUNERAL WAS YEWS.

A engagement near In-Wat's lines from & . two Beer communiters: The British . · casmiffee were 1500.

Fighting is reported between Boshof and Brandforn morth of the bitter place. This probably means that

authenst of Ribourgentein henbour 1500 nor 1,800, as proviously repor BOERS AGGRESSORS

London, April 12 - A special disputch from Ellandshragte, dated ye needay, says; "Flatiting was renewed beyond Elandsbaste this afternoon. The floors steadily advanced upon the British positions, There es a continuous rifle fire and the Boers' hig runs were in section. The British re-

ing the Boers were checked " ROBERTS S PLAYS.

London, April 13 -13 a rose fabout way Lorden brains that Lord Roberts, when wiring to the Prince of Wales at Copenhagen communications upon his course from assassination, anded two or three honeful

mong military men that Lord Edwig 14 that the alvegaturous Rose commonless are likely to be enmeshed. Semps a detail here and another there-have reached England to-right over comparatively idle cables, but they do not illuminate

A disputch from Lorenzo Marquez, dated "It is reported from Preforing that a Roes Tiels is said to be a clover case to draw

the Exitish neary from Wenezer ing a French Captain, brother of the little General de Villebots Marcuil." The Bleemannein correspondent of the

mily Telegraph telegraphing Wednesday, Lord Roberts whely declines to exhause his men and horses in hunting the chadys heers until his preparations are complete. He will leave to the enemy the barren com-

fort of the occupation of a few farms for The Bloomfontein correspondent of the Cope Argus at Cape Tewn says "Olivier's commando is moving in the di-rection of Smithheld.

"Five different bargers are located be-

tween Bethany and the Kuffir River, Iving

parallel to the railway, eighteen mile VIOLATES INTERNATIONAL LAW.

German Opinion en Britain's Use

of Beira Route. Berlin, April 12. In the forthcoming umber of the The Nation, Professor Von ther of the University of Goettingen will discuss the international law aspect of the transportation of British troops through Roberts to requiring the Boers of the Free State to take an oath not to partietputer in further hostilities against England. The authorities whom he cites, including American and English jurists, are unania previous treaty providing for it does not exist. Where such a treaty does exist the outhorities are divided, but Professor Von Bur contends that such a treaty cannot be universally accepted as a principle of international law. He conjectures that the Angle-Pertuguese treaty contemplates only troops to be used against negro tribes, therefore, inapplicable to the Trans-

erland, which in 1850 refused to permit the movement across their territory of French or German troops; and he expresses the opinion that if the war should result in the independence of the two Republies, flaro-pean nations would demand in the peace treaty better guarantees of the neutrality of Portuguese territor;

The action of Lord Roberts is pronounced by Professor Von Ear as "dechiedly con-tracy to international law," and the opinion is expressed that President Kruger rightly declared the oaths to be without blinding obligation."

In the course of the article, Professor Von Bar compains that Mr. Chamberlain's endership has caused England to do "various things in the present war which are painful to England's old friends in Ger-

MAY USE LORENZO MARGIEZ.

London, April E.-The Boer nore to Por-tugal regarding the use by the British of the Reira route for the transportation of troops to Rhodesia may, if the Boers act against Portugal, lead Great Britain to land troops at Lorenzo Marques. This possibility has been seriously discussed and is referred to at length in the merning papers

It Was Refused and Boer Euvoys

Started for Paris, SPECIAL BY CABLE.

many.

Rome, Thursday, April 12—(Conyright, 1900, by the New York Herald Company.)—The work of the floor mission has been be-The work of the Boer mission has been be-gun by Mr. Fischer, asking the intervention of Italy. The Marquis Visconti Va-nesta, Minister of Foreign Affairs, replied that while he had no hesitation in receiving the mission he could not intervene in favor peace. All he could do was to transmit o London the proposals made by the mission. This answer caused the delegates to reneunce their project of visiting Rome, and they have set out for Paris, via Milian. G. David, a Pretoria journalist, Said that henceforward it was impossible for the British troops to suffer any serious re-

verses. He added that the Boer delegates hope that the intervention of some European Power will induce Great Britain to listen to the Boer peace proposals, in British prisoners taken in the operations which case they would visit London